(a) whether the Government propose to establish a Regional office of the staff Selection Commission in Kerala;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be established;

(c) whether the fees collected from among the applicants of Kerala would be sufficient to meet the cost for running such an office; and

(d) if not, the other resources with the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of the (a) above.

Amount for National Social Assistance Programme

3883. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned full amount under the National Social Assistance Programme in Assam;

(b) the amount sanctioned and yet to be released under this scheme in the State; and

(c) the reasons for not releasing the sanctioned amount so far ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Out of Rs. 1594.80 lakhs allocated to three schemes of NSAP in respect of Assam Rs. 588.79 lakhs have been released so far during the year 1996-97. Funds to the eligible districts will be released as and when utilisation reports are received.

(c) The release of funds under NSAP is dependent on the utilisation of 50% or more funds already released. As the distncts have not utilised substantial part of funds already released it has not been possible to release more funds.

Migration of People

3884. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the incidence of unemployment among the educated rural youths, separate figures for different stages of formal education;

(b) whether the incidence of unemployment in the rural areas is on the rise and that resulting in rural-urban migration; and

(c) if so, the annual average figure of this migration during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) According to the Ministry of Labour, no information is available in regard to unemployed rural educated youth.

(b) and (c) In rural areas, the unemployment rate (number of persons unemployed per 1000 person in labour force) for both male and female declined as per 50th round of NSS (1993-94) as compared to 43rd round of NSS (1987-88). As per CWS (Current Weekly Status), unemployment rate for male is 31 according to 50th round as against 42 according to the 43rd round. Likewise, unemployment rate for female is 29 according to 50th round as against 44 according to 43rd round.

Various programmes such as Jawahar Rozagar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) etc. implemented by the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment aim at providing wage employment as well as self employment to rural poor living below the poverty line which results in prevention of rural-urban migration also.

Mini Hydel Project

3885. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a small Mini-Hydel Project started more than 2 years back at Rungmook Tea Garden in Darjeeling is yet to be commissioned;

(b) if so, the reasons for such an inordinate/ unnatural delay;

(c) whether the Government have made any enquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c) The Roongmook & Cedars (4x125 KW) Small Hydel project at Roongmook Tea Garden in Darjeeling is being set up by West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Agency (WBREDA). It has been supported by the Ministry under the Capital Subsidy Scheme is May, 1994 with a completion period of 32 months i.e. January, 1997. The trial runs have already been completed and commercial generation is planned for April, 1997. There has, therefore, not been any under delay in the implementation of the projects.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.